Youth Co-ordinators of Nehru Yuvak Kendras

1551. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Youth Co-ordinators of Nehru Yuvak Kendras, State-wise;

(b) the number of vacancies of Youth Co-ordinators in Nehru Yuvak Kendras Department, State-wise;

(c) when was the last recruitment made in the above cadre; and

(d) the actions proposed to fill in various vacancies and improve activities of Nehru Yuvak Kendras?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), has a sanctioned strength of 500 Youth Coordinators out of which 165 are lying vacant at present. The Budget proposals for 2008-09 have provided for the opening of Nehru Yuva Kendras under a District Youth Coordinator in each of the 123 districts of the country not covered at present by NYKS. The post of Youth Coordinators are all-India level posts and are liable to be used on an all-India basis; hence, the vacancy position is maintained at the national level.

(c) and (d) The last recruitment of Youth Coordinators was made in 1994. NYKS initiated the process of recruitment of Youth Coordinators in 1996-1997, which was cancelled subsequently by the competent authority and later challenged in the Delhi High Court. The matter is still-sub-judice. Once the legal issues have been resolved, necessary action will be taken to fill up various vacancies.

A new impetus has been given to the programmes of NYKS by activating the youth clubs at the grass-root level. To achieve this, campaigns have been launched **in** various state/ district/block levels to motivate youth clubs to take up activities **in** the **area of** social & cultural issues, sports and for benefit of the community at the local level. The Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan aimed at synergising the work of youth related to Panchayati Raj Institutions and youth working in youth clubs and mahila mandals is another significant innovation of recent origin. The recently approved Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan, in which the NYKS has major organisation responsibilities, will give **a** further fillip to energizing NYKS. The programmes of NYKS will further be reviewed on the basis of the holistic Management Study conducted by IIM Ahmedabad which is expected to be submitted to the Ministry shortly.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I Notification of Ministry of Urban Development

II Report and Accounts (2006-07) of DMRC, New Delhi, and related papers

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): Sir, I beg to lay **on** the Table:

(i) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Urban Development Notification G.S.R. 6 (E) dated the 3rd January, 2008, publishing the Recruitment Regulations' of Director (Ministerial), Delhi Development Authority, 2007, under section 58 of the Delhi Development Act, 1957.

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